

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on June 24, 2011 has been entered. Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1-10 are cancelled by the applicant.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Applicant's representative, Mr. David Millers (reg. 37396) on September 22, 2011. The applicant has agreed and authorized examiner to amend claims 11-12, 19, 21-28, and 30 to clarify the 112, 2nd paragraph issues, particularly for the language "said information" and/or "the information" that were cited throughout all the above-mentioned claims.

CLAIMS:

3. Please replace claim 11 as follows:

11. (Currently Amended) An information system comprising an information access point relating to at least one pre-determined geographical area, said information access point including apparatus for retrieving information relating to trusted computing platforms located within said pre-determined geographical area, said information system being arranged to provide said information relating to the trusted computing platforms located within the pre-determined geographical area to a portable computing apparatus visiting the pre-determined geographical area, wherein providing said information to the portable computing apparatus enables interaction the portable computing apparatus to interact with trusted components of said trusted computing platforms within the pre-determined geographical area.

4. Please replace claim 12 as follows:

12. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 11, wherein said information system is arranged to provide to the portable computing apparatus as said

information only details and/or a list of public keys of genuine trusted computing platforms within said pre-determined geographical area.

5. Please replace claim 19 as follows:

19. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 11, arranged to enable a user to perform operations, either locally or remotely, upon the information that the system provided thereby to the portable computing system.

6. Please replace claim 21 as follows:

21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising: providing an information access point for a geographical area; retrieving to the information access point information relating to trusted computing platforms within the geographical area; and the information access point providing the information from the information access point the information relating to the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area to a portable computing apparatus visiting the ~~pre-determined~~ geographical area, wherein ~~said~~ the information provided to the portable computing apparatus enables ~~interaction~~ the portable computing apparatus to interact with trusted components of said trusted computing platforms.

7. Please replace claim 22 as follows:

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein providing the information relating to the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area comprises providing to the portable computing apparatus only information relating to genuine trusted computing platforms within the geographical area.

8. Please replace claim 23 as follows:

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein providing the information relating to the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area comprises providing to the portable computing apparatus a list of public keys of the genuine trusted computing platforms within the geographical area.

9. Please replace claim 24 as follows:

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein providing the information relating to the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area to the portable computing apparatus comprises the information access point communicating with the portable computing apparatus when the portable computing apparatus is in physical contact with the information access point.

10. Please replace claim 25 as follows:

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein providing the information relating to the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area to the portable computing apparatus comprises the information access point communicating with the portable computing apparatus when the portable computing apparatus is in position for directional wireless communication with the information access point.

11. Please replace claim 26 as follows:

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the portable computing apparatus using said information from the information access point to interact with a trusted component of one of said trusted computing platforms within the geographical area.

12. Please replace claim 27 as follows:

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising: the portable computing apparatus requesting that a verification service verify the information relating to the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area; the verification service verifying identities of the trusted computing platforms, signing results, and returning signed results to the portable computing apparatus; and the portable computing apparatus using the signed results to identify which of the trusted computing platforms can be trusted.

13. Please replace claim 28 as follows:

28. (Currently Amended) A system comprising: one or more trusted computing platforms located within a geographical area; and an information access

point in the geographical area, the information access point including an apparatus for retrieving information needed for interaction with trusted components of the trusted computing platforms and an interface arranged to provide the information needed for interaction with trusted components of the trusted computing platforms to a portable computing apparatus visiting the geographical area.

14. Please replace claim 30 as follows:

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 28, wherein the information needed for interaction with trusted components of the trusted computing platforms includes public keys associated with the trusted computing platforms within the geographical area.

Allowable Subject Matter

15. Claims 11-30 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 11-30 are allowed for the reasons argued by Applicants in pages 3-7 in Remarks, filed 06/24/2011. None of the prior art of record, either taken by itself or in any combination, would have anticipated or made obvious the claimed invention of the present application at or before the date it was effectively filed. Particularly, the prior arts or record do not disclose An information system comprising an information access point relating to at least one pre-determined geographical area, said information access point including apparatus for retrieving information relating to trusted computing platforms located within said pre-determined geographical area, said information system being arranged to provide said information relating to the trusted computing platforms located within the pre-determined geographical area to a portable computing apparatus visiting the pre-determined geographical area, wherein providing said information to the portable computing apparatus enables the portable computing apparatus to interact with trusted components of said trusted computing platforms within the pre-determined geographical area, as set forth in claims 1, and similarly in claims 21 and 28.

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Conclusion

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhnga (Tanya) Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-3858.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Taghi Arani can be reached on 571-272-3787. The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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